



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shea et al. )  
Application No.: 10/083,093 ) Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: February 26, 2002 ) Examiner: Ramana, A.  
For: Locking System for Implants )  
Docket No: 10557/266546

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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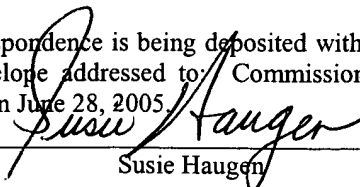
Please consider the following as the submission required for a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Please amend the application as indicated below and kindly consider the following remarks.

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Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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